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FAPE Incarcerated Children with Disabilities.



*Free Appropriate Public Education for
Incarcerated Children with Disabilities*

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Summary Report 2003-2004

- The Tennessee Department of Education, Division of Special Education, has revised a plan to assure that educational services are being provided to individuals who are incarcerated under the age of twenty-two years of age. Presently this task is being coordinated by Davis Hines, Director of Juvenile Services & Charter Schools and Mark Reep, Juvenile Service & Charter School Consultant, for the State of Tennessee.
- In the 2003-2004 School Year several county-operated detention centers and/or jails have been monitored; West Tennessee eight (8) county facilities, Middle Tennessee eleven (11) county facilities and East Tennessee twelve(12) county facilities. A total of eleven (11) incarcerated individuals have been identified and requested special education services.
- Those facilities that are to be monitored during the current school year are notified that they are to be monitored during summer of the previous year. In addition to the initial letter a policy is enclosed to inform them of the necessity of monitoring, which is to assure that all individuals with a disability are receiving an appropriate education.
- In addition to the monitoring process, training has been provided by the Department of Education, Division of Special Education, through various workshops, conferences and in-services (Tennessee Sheriff Association, Tennessee Department of Correction & Tennessee Criminal Justice Summit)

Monitoring Process Results 2003-2004

Monitoring Process Table

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Tennessee Regions	Counties Scheduled 2003-2004	Counties Monitored 2003-2004
West Tennessee	8	100%
Middle Tennessee	11	72%
East Tennessee	12	91%

I. Housing Census Issues

(County Detention Centers & Juvenile Facilities)

There continues to be no clear methodology of determining the number of individuals incarcerated with a disability. There are several system utilizes by every county detention center, for instance some counties uses a program called SUMS, but there are various versions as well as customized information that the system generates.

II. Educational Services

(County Detention Centers / Juvenile Facilities / LEA)

- A. The County Detention Centers and LEA are encouraged to develop appropriate policies were there are no policies or procedures available to indicate the format utilized when an individual with disability is incarcerated in the facility.*
- B. The County Detention Center and LEA presently work together to address this issue to be more efficient in this matter to address a designated place conducive to instruct or to provide educational services.*

III. School Systems

(LEA & SEA)

- A. LEA has been encourage by SEA to provide adequate training or in-services to local county operated facilities to assist in assuring that individual with disabilities are identified receive services in a timely manner.*
- B. During the monitoring process the tour of the county jails and/or detention centers an interview conducted with inmates housed at the facility continues to be proven effective. This process of randomly selecting individuals who were found not to presently posses a high school diploma and were twenty-two years old and under proved to be most successful in finding individuals incarcerated that were in need of educational services.*

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County Detention Centers & Juvenile Facilities

<i>Anderson</i>	<i>(Anderson County Juvenile THR)</i>
<i>Cocke</i>	
<i>Crockett</i>	
<i>Cumberland</i>	<i>(Cumberland County Juvenile THR)</i>
<i>Decatur</i>	
<i>Dickson</i>	<i>(Dickson County Juvenile THR)</i>
<i>Fentress</i>	
<i>Franklin</i>	
<i>Gibson</i>	
<i>Grundy</i>	
<i>Hamblen</i>	<i>(Hamblen County Juvenile THR)</i>
<i>Hardin</i>	
<i>Henry</i>	
<i>Hickman</i>	
<i>Humphreys</i>	
<i>Johnson</i>	
<i>Lauderdale</i>	
<i>Macon</i>	
<i>Maury</i>	<i>(Middle Tennessee Detention Ctr.)</i>
<i>McMinn</i>	<i>(McMinn County Juvenile THR)</i>
<i>McNairy</i>	
<i>Meigs</i>	
<i>Monroe</i>	
<i>Polk</i>	
<i>Rhea</i>	<i>(Rhea County Juvenile Detention Ctr.)</i>
<i>Roane</i>	<i>(Roane County THR)</i>
<i>Sullivan</i>	
<i>Tipton</i>	
<i>Trousdale</i>	
<i>Unicoi</i>	
<i>Weakley</i>	